

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, After graduating from Loras College in Dubuque,
3 Iowa, David M. Peterson of Skokie, Illinois began his
4 teaching career at LeMoyne Upper Grade Center in the Chicago
5 Public School system in 1965; and

6 WHEREAS, David Peterson joined the staff of the Chicago
7 Teachers Union in 1972 as a field representative and went on
8 to become its lobbyist and the Assistant to the President for
9 Legislation and Technical Projects in 1975, a position he
10 held for 26 years; and

11 WHEREAS, David Peterson married Pamelyn Massarsky in 1986
12 and is the father of Kristen, Andrew, Gretchen, and Eric
13 Peterson, and the grandfather of Taylor and David Peterson;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, David Peterson has held a multitude of elected
16 and appointed positions in the Chicago Teachers Union and the
17 Illinois Federation of Teachers, including area vice-
18 president, executive board member, IFT vice-president and
19 convention delegate at numerous conventions of the Illinois
20 Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of
21 Teachers; and

22 WHEREAS, David Peterson has served as the Chicago
23 Teachers Union's chief lobbyist since 1975 and played a major
24 role in improving public education and the professional
25 livelihood of Chicago Teachers Union members during those
26 years, including the passage of collective bargaining rights
27 for teachers and paraprofessionals, numerous pension
28 improvements, and several major funding initiatives including
29 the creation of the School Finance Authority which dealt with
30 the severe funding crisis of Chicago Public Schools in 1979;
31 and

1 WHEREAS, There are few people known for their personal
2 and professional generosity more than David M. Peterson, as
3 witnessed by many legislators, lobbyists and Springfield
4 restaurateurs over the course of his career; and

5 WHEREAS, David Peterson retired from the Chicago Teachers
6 Union on June 30, 2001, after a total of 29 years of service;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The many friends and colleagues of David
9 Peterson will miss his friendship, support, and regular
10 presence in the Capital City greatly; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate David M. Peterson for his many years of
14 service with the Chicago Teachers Union, appreciate the
15 dedication to public education and his members that
16 exemplified his career, and wish him the long and happy
17 retirement that he richly deserves; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to David M. Peterson.